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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: US,UK, XO, SOPN

SUBJECT: US-UK INDIAN OCEAN TALKS - PRESS GUIDANCE

1. IF BRITISH AGREE, WE PLAN USE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE  
ON QUOTE IF ASKED UNQUOTE BASIS:  
QUOTE THE US AND UK WILL HOLD ON MAY 24-25 THE LATEST OF  
A ROUTINE SERIES OF TALKS ON POLITICO-MILITARY MATTERS IN  
THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA. THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE GENERALLY  
HELD EVERY SIX MONTHS, THE LAST IN OCTOBER 1976, ALTERNATE-  
LY IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON. THE TALKS DO NOT INVOLVE  
NEGOTIATIONS, COMMITMENTS, OR AGREEMENTS, BUT ARE SIMPLY  
INTENDED TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OFFICIALS WITH SIMI-  
LAR RESPONSIBILITIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

IN VIEW OF PRESENT CARTER'S INDIAN OCEAN ARMS CONTROL INIT-  
IATIVE THIS ROUND OF TALKS WILL DEAL INTER ALIA WITH ARMS  
CONTROL ISSUES END QUOTE.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED BRITISH EMBASSY OF THIS GUIDANCE.  
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REQUEST YOU DISCUSS WITH FCO AND ADVISE US OF REACTION. CHRISTOPHER

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